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IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,456.9 million in April to $1,438.5[1] million in May[2], a decrease of about one percent, resulted primarily from decreases in imports of crude foodstuffs and finished manufactures which were partly offset by an increase in imports of manufactured foodstuffs. The May 1963 imports for consumption total was about two percent higher than the May 1962 total of $1,411.2 million.

For the first five months of 1963 (January-May), the imports for consumption total was $6,819.8 million, an increase of about two percent over the $6,664.6 million reported for the same period of 1962.

The drop in imports of crude foodstuffs from $164.0 million in April to $137.3 million in May was chiefly due to noticeable decreases in imports of coffee, from $89.9 to $70.8 million; and cocoa, from $17.2 to $11.1 million. Imports of finished manufactures declined from $547.1 to $544.9 million mainly due to a decrease in imports of automobiles and parts from $55.4 to $48.4 million.

An increase in imports of meat products from $37.0 to $45.1 million largely accounted for the increase in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $152.7 to $162.0 million. Imports of crude materials increased slightly from $280.2 to $281.0 million. This change reflected increases in imports of iron ore and concentrates, from $17.8 to $29.8 million and rough or uncut diamonds, from $3.9 to $15.7 million, which were largely offset by decreases in imports of ferroalloying ores, from $33.1 to $24.4 million; crude petroleum, from $92.0 to $86.8 million; copra, from $4.1 to $1.2 million; and unmanufactured wool, from $11.3 to $8.5 million.

Although the increase in imports of semimanufactures was negligible, from $312.8 to $313.2 million, counterbalancing changes were reported in imports of many of the individual commodities included in this economic class. Some of the more noticeable of these changes were iron and steel semimanufactures, from $23.8 to $31.1 million, tin, from $9.0 to $12.1 million; and gas and fuel oil, from $51.8 to $40.6 million.

[1] Revised from the figure of $1,478.2 million published in the May 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.

[2] The seasonally-adjusted general imports total for May 1963 was $1,406.2 million. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MAY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1963 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1962 include all revisions published with the December 1962 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1963. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity[1]	May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total.....value..	[2]1,438.5	1,456.9	1,411.2	[3]1,354.1
Free.....value..	555.7	542.6	555.1	518.0
Dutiable.....value..	882.8	914.3	856.0	836.1
Crude materials.....value..	281.0	280.2	286.1	278.5
Hides and skins.....value..	7.0	6.2	7.1	5.5
Undressed furs.....value..	9.5	10.2	7.6	8.5
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	77	82	85	79
value..	18.1	19.4	21.4	19.3
Copra.....1,000 lb..	17,242	57,209	37,570	59,566
value..	1.2	4.1	2.4	3.9
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,547	13,209	15,054	13,675
value..	8.4	7.8	9.3	8.4
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	5,983	6,820	8,459	12,676
value..	0.5	0.5	0.8	2.5
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	8,750	7,784	6,837	6,489
value..	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.1
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	5,905	5,313	9,668	9,028
value..	1.3	1.1	1.7	1.6
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight .	20	17	12	15
clean content ..	16	13	10	12
value..	10.4	8.4	6.4	7.4
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	13	17	14	16
clean content[4]..	9	12	10	11
value..	8.5	11.3	9.4	10.0
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	100	110	98	117
value..	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	39,419	42,363	37,065	37,566
value..	86.8	92.0	84.7	84.4
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	153	44	98	118
value..	15.7	3.9	7.2	8.5
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	1,684	503	1,106	1,023
value..	6.3	2.2	4.4	4.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	3,053	1,876	3,712	2,786
value..	29.8	17.8	35.6	27.1
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	24.4	33.1	35.3	30.4
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	2,773	4,310	500	3,492
value..	0.8	1.2	0.1	1.0
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	9,862	46,470	12,228	22,684
value..	0.9	3.7	0.7	1.8
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	...	405	622	447
value..	...	0.8	1.7	1.1
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	58,427	118,451	72,824	75,684
value..	2.0	5.5	2.3	3.4
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	10.3	10.5	12.2	10.6
All other crude materials.....value..	36.2	37.5	33.3	35.6
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	137.3	164.0	154.0	148.1
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	47,858	45,706	62,258	51,461
value..	21.1	17.9	20.6	19.7
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	72	102	88	103
value..	4.7	7.1	7.4	9.2
Grains.....value..	1.3	1.7	2.1	1.7
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	2.6	4.3	3.7	3.3
Bananas.....1,000 lb..	339,351	315,740	353,494	287,538
value..	7.7	7.2	7.8	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	48	88	65	53
value..	11.1	17.2	12.6	11.0
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	238	297	266	270
value..	70.8	89.9	81.9	82.2
Tea.....1,000 lb..	12,285	12,276	12,747	10,808
value..	5.2	5.9	6.1	5.0
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	3,649	3,454	3,114	3,036
value..	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	11.7	11.8	10.7	8.5

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: MAY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]	May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	162.0	1[illegible]	160.[illegible]	14[illegible]
Meat products.....value..	[illegible]	[illegible]	31.0	[illegible]
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6,462
value..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	[illegible]	[illegible]	46,6[illegible]	46,[illegible]
value..	12.1	12.3	1[illegible].6	1[illegible]
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.4	1.[illegible]	1.1	1.2
Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	[illegible]	749	[illegible],022	[illegible]
value..	[illegible]	45.[illegible]	5[illegible].3	42.4
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	25,02[illegible]	29,125	25,361	[illegible],52[illegible]
value..	4.2	4.4	[illegible]	2.6
Whisky.....value..	[illegible]	16.0	17.1	1[illegible].1
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	29.9	32.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Semimanufactures.....value..	313.2	312.8	298.4	282.7
Leather.....value..	4.[illegible]	4.2	4.7	4.[illegible]
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	371	396	30[illegible]	236
value..	1.1	1.[illegible]	1.[illegible]	[illegible].7
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	5.2	4.1	3.[illegible]	4.3
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	5,145	10,040	7,724	7,690
value..	[illegible]	0.6	[illegible].4	0.5
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	6.1	6.6	[illegible].3	5.3
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	463	424	457	407
value..	31.4	28.8	30.9	28.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	222	226	231	232
value..	26.9	26.[illegible]	28.3	27.6
Gas and fuel.....1,000 bbl..	19,815	25,014	1[illegible],675	22,712
value..	40.6	51.8	42.5	48.2
Asbestos.....short tons..	58,784	54,546	54,136	52,5[illegible]
value..	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.[illegible]
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	90	62	88	82
value..	8.5	5.7	7.5	7.4
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	31.1	23.8	22.2	19.7
Aluminum.....value..	18.2	16.[illegible]	17.2	14.[illegible]
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	63	64	72	66
value..	18.8	19.0	21.7	19.[illegible]
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	36,940	59,082	43,709	44,74[illegible]
value..	3.6	5.8	3.6	3.[illegible]
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	31,082	35,110	21,654	20,86[illegible]
value..	21.9	25.4	16.[illegible]	15.4
Tin.....1,000 lb..	11,192	8,390	9,06[illegible]	[illegible],004
value..	12.1	9.0	10.[illegible]	[illegible].7
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	24,194	30,028	19,225	23,12[illegible]
value..	2.4	3.1	2.1	2.4
Coal-tar products.....value..	6.4	5.2	5.8	4.[illegible]
Industrial chemicals.....value..	10.3	9.9	11.[illegible]	9.[illegible]
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	242	318	171	167
value..	8.6	11.3	[illegible].1	[illegible]
All other semimanufactures.....value..	49.9	50.0	[illegible].3	4[illegible]
Finished manufactures.....value..	544.9	547.1	[illegible]11.[illegible]	49[illegible].1
Leather manufactures.....value..	10.4	11.4	[illegible]	12.[illegible]
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	2.4	2.2	1.[illegible]	[illegible]
Cotton cloth[5].....1,000 sq. yd..	36,535	53,23[illegible]	[illegible],3[illegible]1	[illegible],6[illegible]1
value..	8.5	10.9	7.[illegible]	7.[illegible]
Other cotton manufactures[5].....value..	13.5	16.[illegible]	[illegible].0	[illegible]
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	112,36[illegible]	97,797	[illegible],3[illegible]	[illegible],822
1,000 lb..	78,315	65,859	[illegible],[illegible]	[illegible]
value..	17.[illegible]	14.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.[illegible]	3.2	2.[illegible]	[illegible]
Wool manufactures.....value..	19.[illegible]	21.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Silk manufactures.....value..	3.5	3.8	4.7	[illegible]
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	236	234	[illegible]	[illegible]16
value..	2.3	2.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	494	470	[illegible]	[illegible]
value..	63.2	59.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other paper manufactures.....value..	7.[illegible]	7.5	7.[illegible]	7.[illegible]
Pottery.....value..	[illegible]	5.4	4.7	[illegible]

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Economic class and commodity[1]	May 1963	April 1963	May 1962	Monthly average 1962
Finished manufactures—Continued				
Steel mill products.....value..	34.5	32.3	34.3	27.7
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	12.5	12.6	14.0	12.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	20.0	20.2	14.1	12.6
Automobiles and parts.....value..	48.4	55.4	40.9	42.9
Other machinery.....value..	72.9	79.7	69.9	67.6
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	17.0	16.1	13.0	17.3
Photographic goods.....value..	6.1	5.4	6.3	6.3
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.6
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	7.5	8.5	7.7	7.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.5	4.3	5.0	4.8
American goods returned.....value..	24.8	23.4	28.4	22.3
All other finished manufactures.....value..	116.2	110.9	107.4	105.7
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[6].....value..	15.9	12.6	12.0	11.6

[1] Based on commodity classifications in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-I showing the Schedule A numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2] Revised from the total of $1,478.2 million which appeared in the May 1963 issue of Report No. FT 900-I. See footnote 1 on front page of this report. [3] Excludes February 1962 data on $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments which are estimated as totaling about $9.7 million. As indicated in the February 1963 issue of this report data on these shipments are also excluded from other reports such as FT-950-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [4] Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool. [5] The 1963 figures shown for "cotton cloth" included data on Schedule A commodity numbers 3075 010 - 3078 025 and 3080 210 - 3081 420. During 1962 and earlier, data for these commodities are included in the figures for "other cotton manufactures." [6] This estimate is subject to a sampling variation of about 3 percent of the estimated value shown. For an explanation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.